

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, line 1, please change the text as follows:

~~A mixture for use as wound dressing~~ A MIXTURE FOR USE AS WOUND DRESSING

On page 1, at line 2, please insert the following text:

This is a Continuation of U.S. Patent No: 6,541,040, issued 4/1/03, filed 10/9/1998 as Appln. Serial No. 09/169,559, which claims priority to copending German Patent Application No. 197446213, filed 10/09/97.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

On page 1, after line 3, please insert the following text:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

On page 2, after line 8, please insert the following text:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

(not applicable)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 shows a diagram in which the pH of the mixture according Example 1 in an aqueous buffer is shown as a function of time.

Figure 2 shows a diagram in which the pH of the mixture according Example 2 in an aqueous buffer is shown as a function of time.

Figure 3 shows a diagram in which the pH of the mixture according Examples 3-4 in an aqueous buffer is shown as a function of time.

Figure 4 shows a diagram in which the pH of the mixture according Example 5 in an aqueous buffer is shown as a function of time.